

Application No. 09/973,766

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11-18, 20-29 and 36-43 are active in the case.

Amendments to Claims 8 and 17 are added to make the claim language of Claims 1, 8 and 17 agree with one another. No new matter is added into the amended claims.

The claims are now in condition for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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